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ULTIMATE X-MEN

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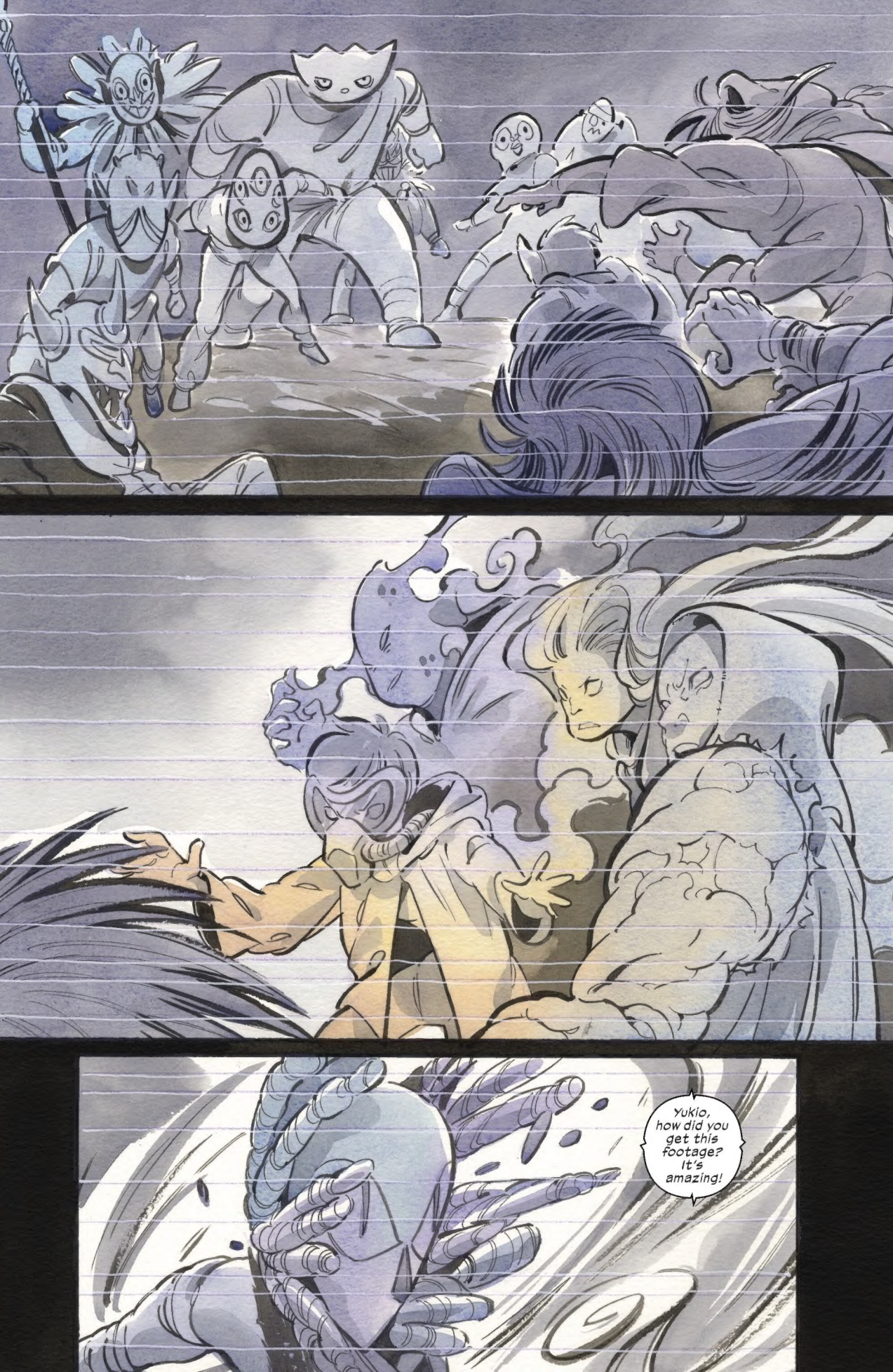
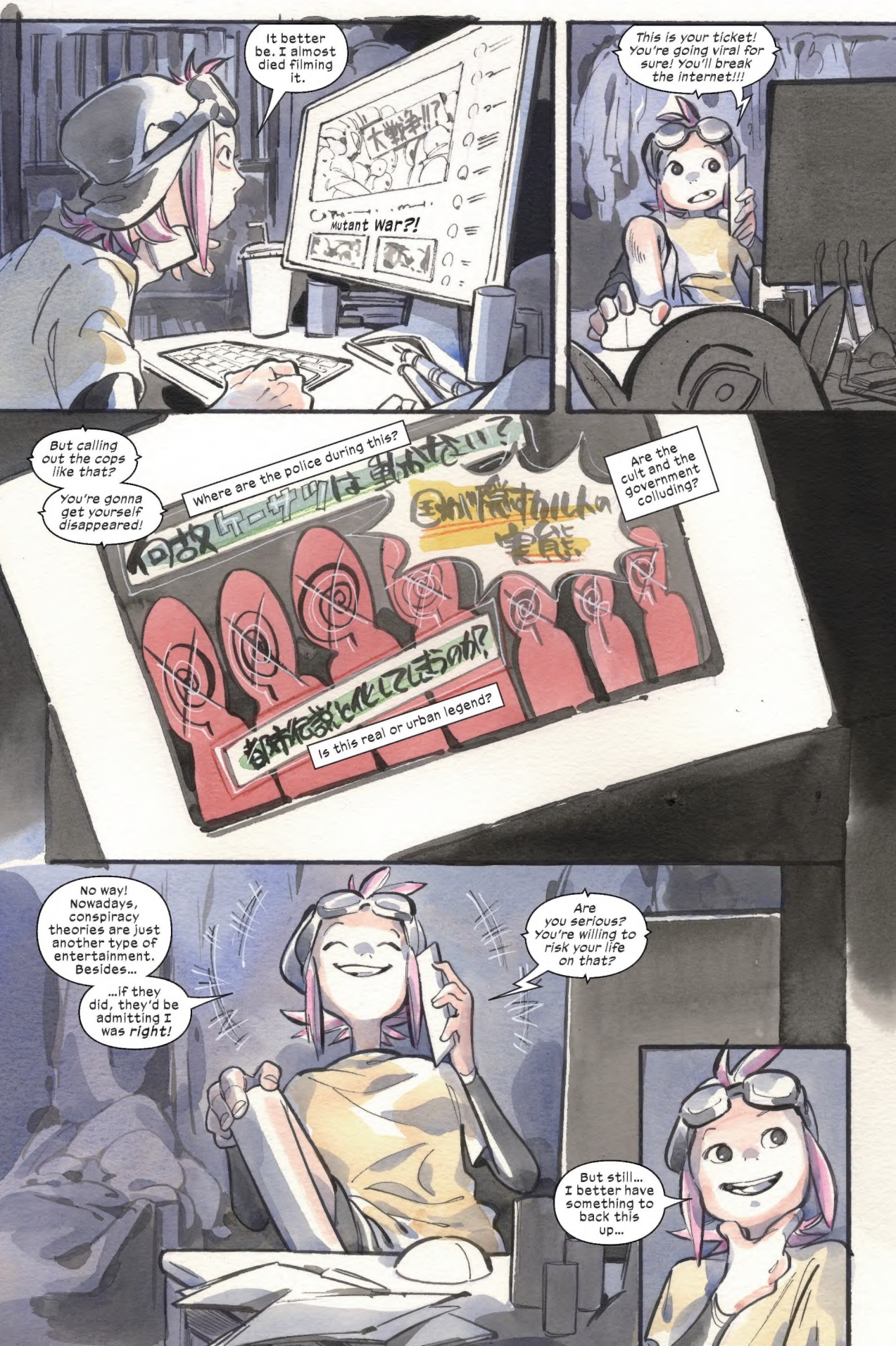
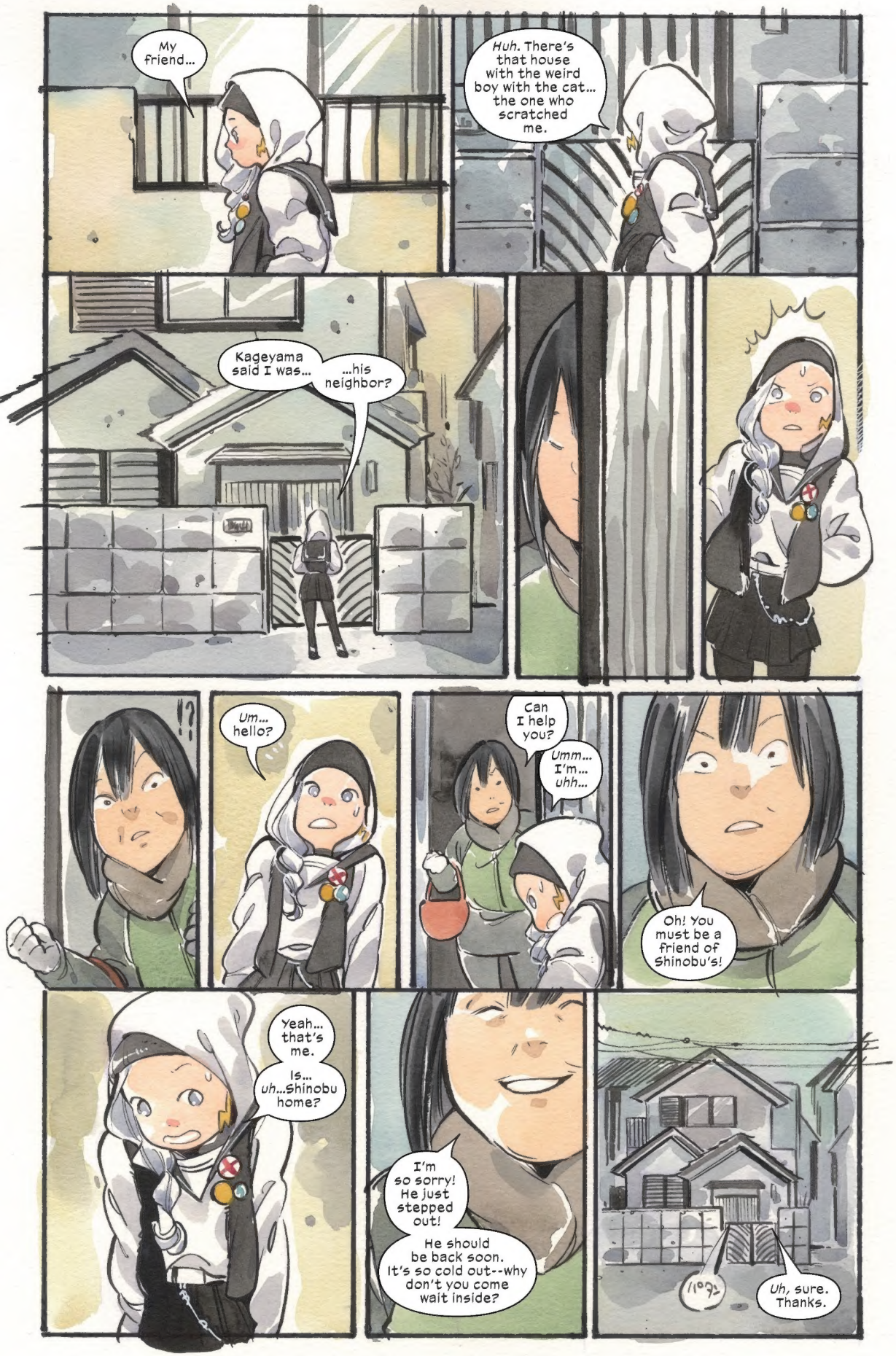

Yukio, how did you get this footage? It's amazing!


It better be. I almost died filming it.
Mutant War?!
This is your ticket! You're going viral for sure! You'll break the internet!!!
But calling out the cops like that?
You're gonna get yourself disappeared!
Where are the police during this?
Are the cult and the government colluding?
Is this real or urban legend?
No way! Nowadays, conspiracy theories are just another type of entertainment. Besides...
...if they did, they'd be admitting I was right!
Are you serious? You're willing to risk your life on that?
But still... I better have something to back this up...

"Ah... Maystorm, is it?
"You think yourself a protector, that you can defend the Children of the Atom?
"Your kindness makes you weak..."
You're no match for Hisako. She's not simple, like you.
She belongs by my side.
Don't stand in my way.

Why do you care so much about Hisako?
She is my soulmate.
And what is she to you? What are you to her?
Nothing.
So why do you care?
Because she is my friend!!!


My friend...
Huh. There's that house with the weird boy with the cat... the one who scratched me.
Kageyama said I was...
...his neighbor?
!?
Um... hello?
Can I help you?
Umm... I'm... uhh...
Oh! You must be a friend of Shinobu's!
Yeah... that's me.
Is... uh...Shinobu home?
I'm so sorry! He just stepped out!
He should be back soon. It's so cold out--why don't you come wait inside?
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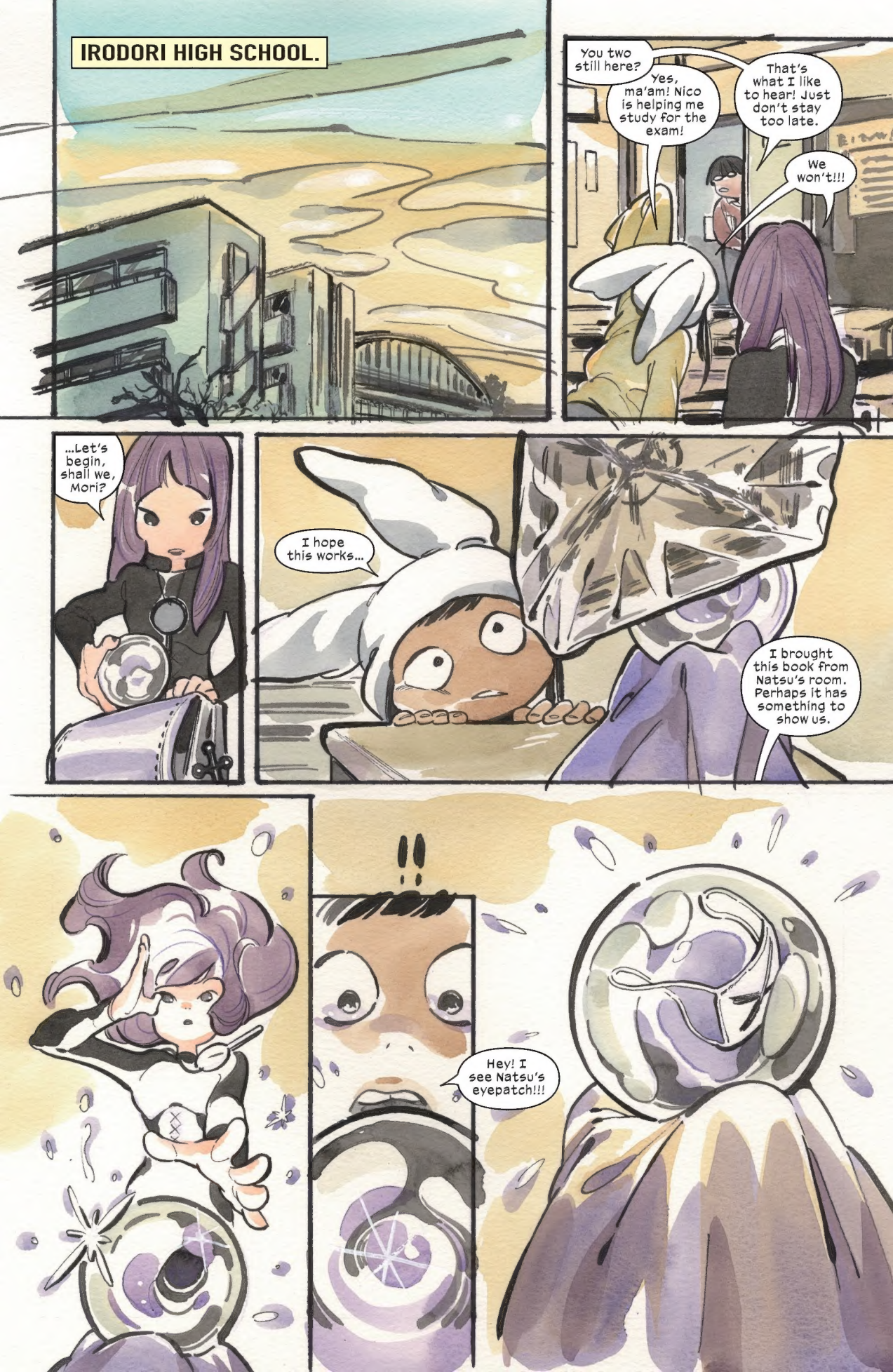
Uh, sure. Thanks.

What the...?!

Hi-chan?
I knew you were no friend of Shinobu.
You're with that Hisako girl, aren't you?!
Since she showed up, my Shinobu's changed!
All of this... obsession... it's because of her!!!
Just when he was finally becoming a good boy...
You're crazy...


IRODORI HIGH SCHOOL.
You two still here?
Yes, ma'am! Nico is helping me study for the exam!
That's what I like to hear! Just don't stay too late.
We won't!!!
...Let's begin, shall we, Mori?
I hope this works...
I brought this book from Natsu's room. Perhaps it has something to show us.
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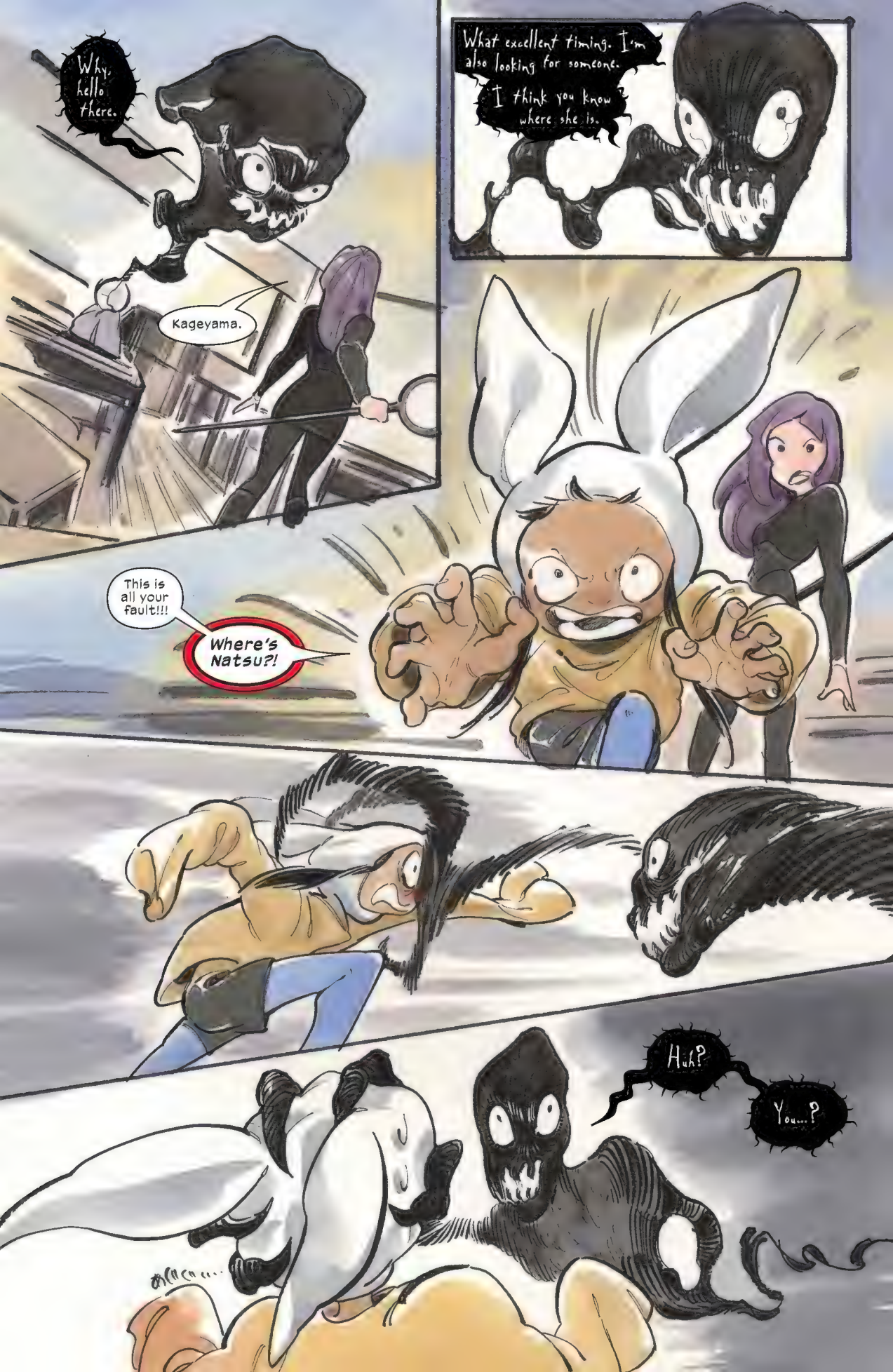
Hey! I see Natsu's eyepatch!!!

That's good. It's telling me she's alive...
Eh? The symbol of the Atom?
Is that where Natsu is?
Something's not right.
No! Natsu's book is shredded!

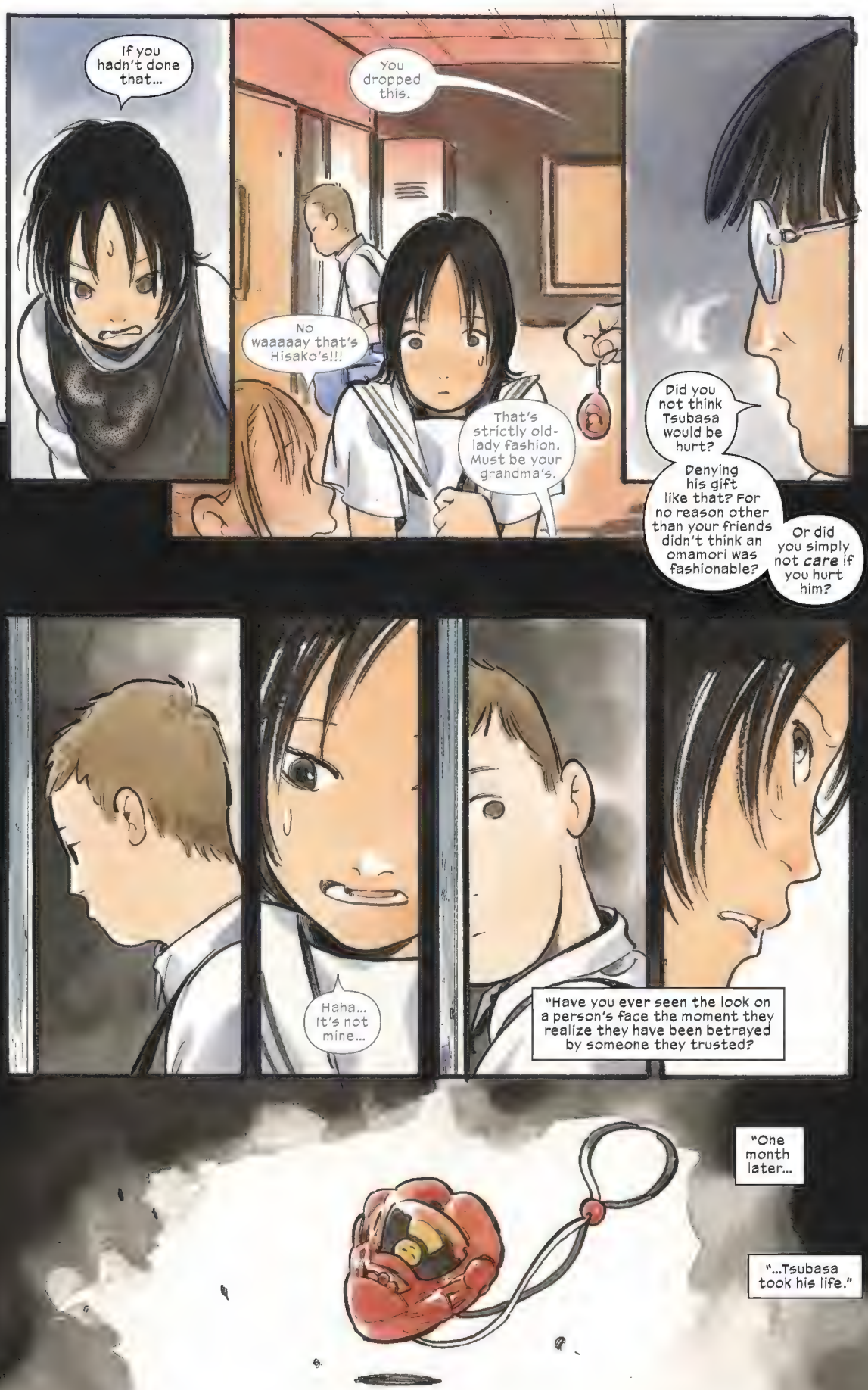

Why, hello there.
Kageyama.
What excellent timing. I'm also looking for someone.
I think you know where she is.
This is all your fault!!!
Where's Natsu?!
Huh?
You...?

Stand down, Mori!!
If you'll excuse me...
Nico!!!

Are you okay?!
Uuurnnnh...
Ahh...
Hisako is in danger!
C'mon, back to my place!
Whaa--?!
"I just hope my spell can seal his power long enough."

...Maybe I should've gone to school with Nico and Mori.
Mom: Are you taking care of yourself? Going to school?
Mom: Do what you have to do, but send me a message sometime, okay?
DING DONG
Who?
CLICK
Hisako. I've found you at last.
You dropped this.
What?

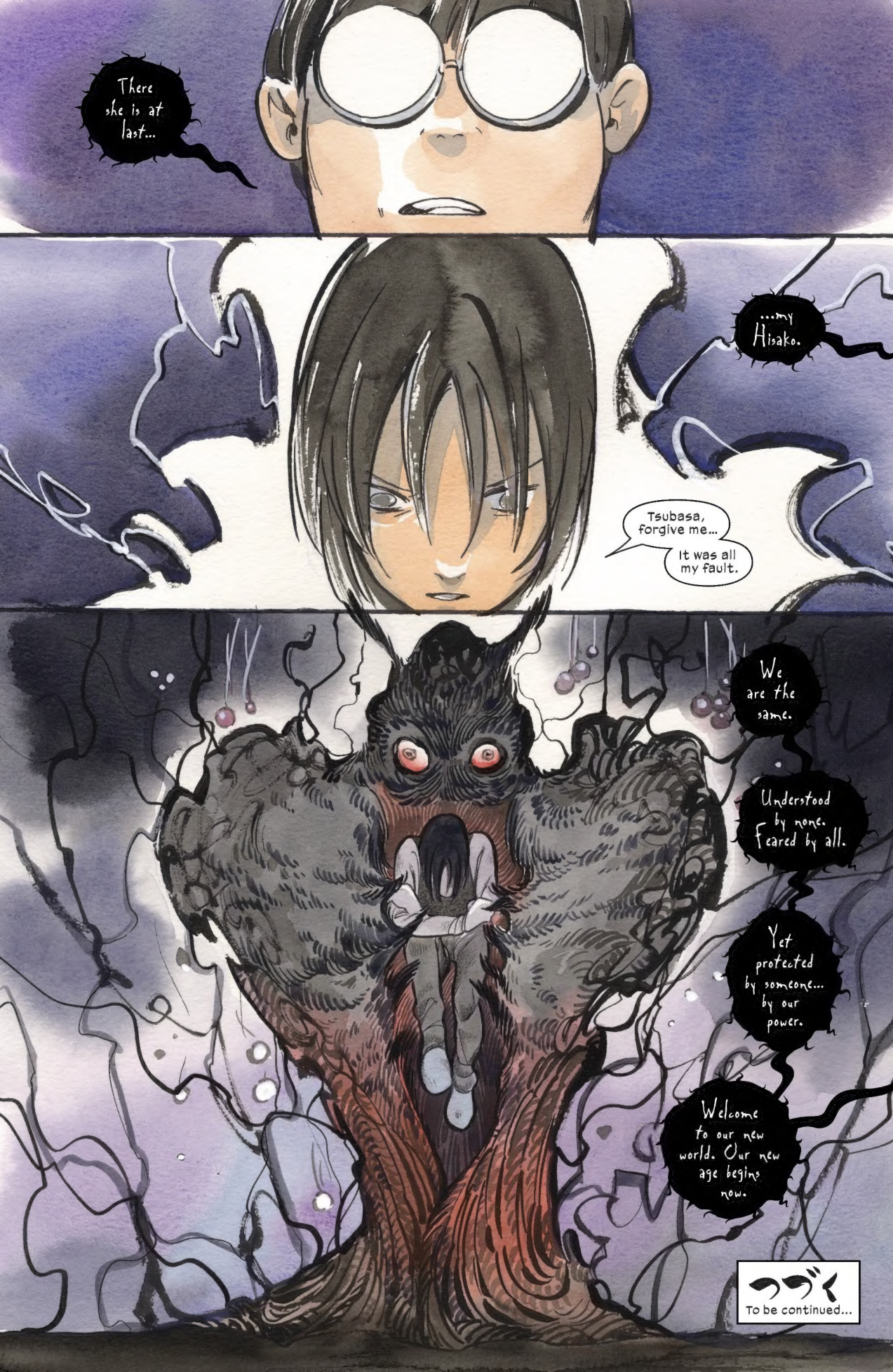
Kageyama...?
You... Kageyama... Shinobu?
The same class... in middle school...
You transferred in...
Do you finally remember?
You always forget. That's why I decided to toy with you.
I didn't count on Tsubasa protecting you. That needed to be dealt with.
It took longer than I wanted.


If you hadn't done that...
You dropped this.
No waaaaay that's Hisako's!!!
That's strictly old-lady fashion. Must be your grandma's.
Did you not think Tsubasa would be hurt?
Denying his gift like that? For no reason other than your friends didn't think an omamori was fashionable?
Or did you simply not *care* if you hurt him?
Haha... It's not mine...
"Have you ever seen the look on a person's face the moment they realize they have been betrayed by someone they trusted?
"One month later...
"...Tsubasa took his life."

Hisako, cease fighting yourself, your trauma.
That is not who you are.
You and I together, we can remake the world the way it should be.
Wh-what are you talking about?!
Uu...!!

Urrrrk...
Did Tsubasa... really kill himself?
He came to me for advice after you shunned him. You meant so much to him, and you hurt him so deeply.
He was tormented and didn't know what to do. So I helped him. Just a tiny mental suggestion.
Still...he was the one who did the deed. So, yes, I would say he killed himself.
Enough of playing the tragic hero.
That's not the Hisako I want. The one who is fit to stand by my side.
Show me your shadow.

You feel it growing, don't you? The darkness inside?
Don't fight it. Embrace it.


There she is at last...
...my Hisako.
Tsubasa, forgive me...
It was all my fault.
We are the same.
Understood by none. Feared by all.
Yet protected by someone... by our power.
Welcome to our new world. Our new age begins now.
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To be continued...

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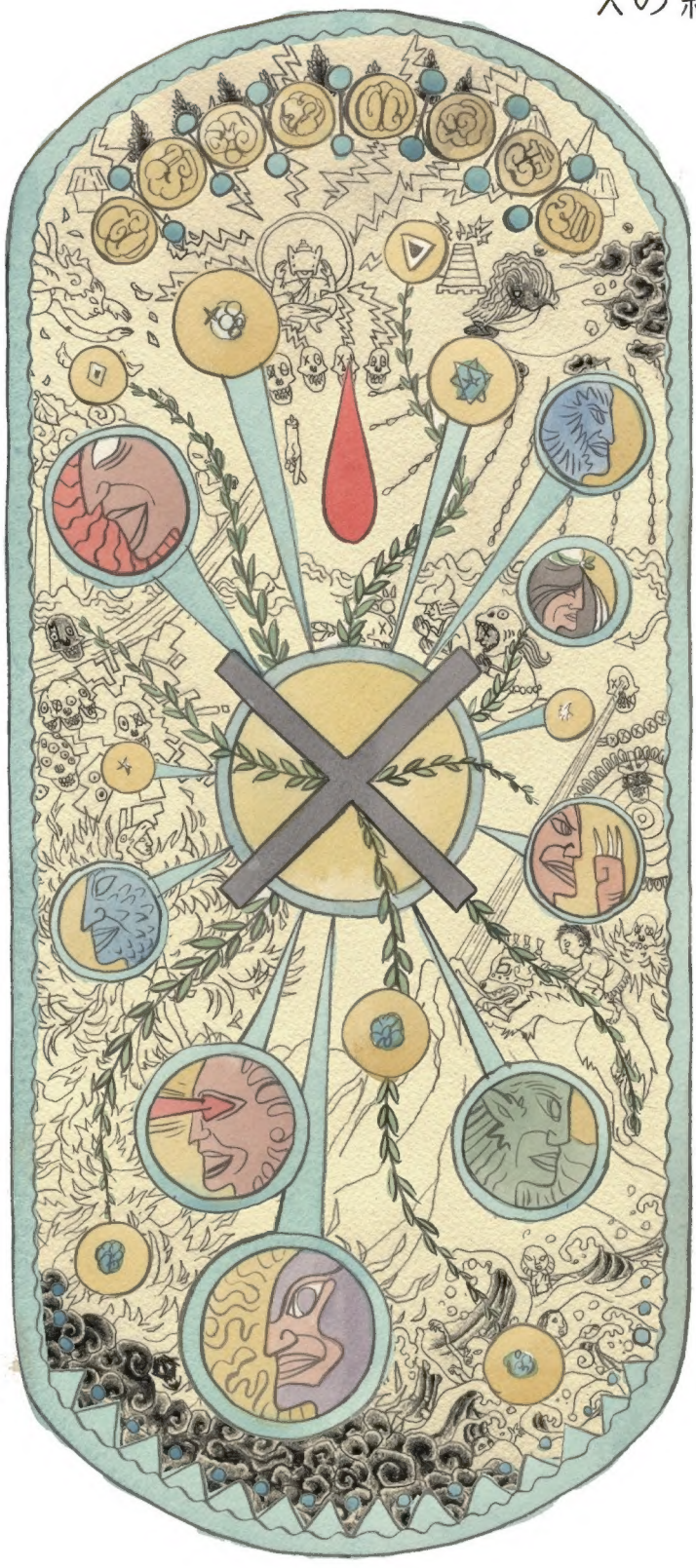
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